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1. Full confirmation has been received that paramilitary staff sections (Abteilung Bereitschaft) on Land level have been dissolved, thus stripping Land Police Headquarters and Governments of all control over paramilitary police units.
2. Paramilitary police units have been brought under direct GAI control. Vice-President Wilhelm Zaissner, Chief Inspector Hermann Rentzsch, and Chief Inspector Wulz are in the leading staff positions.
3. The GAI staff section in charge of the paramilitary police units has been designated Hauptabteilung Schulung as a deception device. Telephone operators in Wilhelmsruh have been instructed not to acknowledge any calls referring to Hauptabteilung Bereitschaften. The cover-designation school is used to denote all units that are quartered in a self-contained compound. This nomenclature is admittedly vague and not likely to last, [redacted] it is to serve the temporary purpose of concealing the large-scale reorganizational moves now in progress. 50X1-HUM
4. The organizational break-down of the paramilitary troops calls for companies of 110 men. These companies may be grouped into battalions [redacted] Apparently the former organization of Bereitschaften of 250 men has been disbanded. 50X1-HUM
5. The staff of the GAI section in charge of paramilitary units is currently being increased by a continuous flow of former German Army officers reporting to the headquarters on Kurzestrasse, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, where they are sorted out for assignments adapted to their former military specialties. This influx of officers includes officers already assigned to the police, but relieved of their assignments as a result of the dissolution of the Land police staffs, and outsiders, not as yet associated with the police. Included among the above displaced officers are former Inspekteur Hoffmann, who has been assigned to take charge of all motor transport affairs, and an unidentified Inspekteur, who was transferred from Abteilung Bereitschaften, Mecklenburg, to take charge of signal communications.
6. Disciplinary conditions in the police units guarding the four sectors of the Berlin perimeter have been most unsatisfactory because of the assignment of untrained recruits from Saxony, who were never subjected to unit training and who, through the dispersal of perimeter outposts, were difficult to control.

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Attempts to link all outposts through a special communication system have been abandoned because of a critical shortage of materials. The magnitude of the task involved in controlling the Berlin perimeter is illustrated by the fact that a visit of all outposts requires a 700-kilometer trip.

7. A major reorganization, allegedly involving a large-scale personnel reshuffle, is also pending in Abteilung Bereitschaften, Polizei-Praesidium, Berlin. 50X1-HUM

A possibility that the Berlin paramilitary units may be subordinated to the GAI, with the dissolution of the Abteilung Bereitschaften, should not be ruled out. The crucial date appears to be 15 September, at which time all leaves will have to be completed. Since Markgraf warned police personnel on 3 June to take their leave by the beginning of October, the inference is permissible that the current large-scale reorganization is the result of long-time planning. 50X1-HUM

8. all indications point to the emergence of a full-fledged "Peoples' Army" in the very near future. 50X1-HUM

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